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## FROM THE EDITOR



Well, here it is, convention time once again. Everything is in place and the 28th National UFO Conference will be the best one yet.

Miss Benita (Bunny) Owens has many fantastic posters for sale. In future issues we hope to show our subscribers the prints we will have for sale. These posters are perhaps the greatest art work ever accomplished in ufology. No one has ever captured ufology in such a scale as this. Our hats off to Bunny.

In 1964, Cleveland was the host to the first serious UFO Conference. It was a dream of Rick Hilberg who joined forces with Allen Greenfield of Atlanta, Georgia and Dale Rettig of Chicago, Illinois. The aim of the conference was to meet once a year and share information with each other and the general public. The first conference was held at the downtown central YMCA building in its largest hall. The audience spilled over into the hall leading to the main desk. There were well over 300 people in attendance. This was the spark that was needed to continue holding these National UFO Conferences year after year. In 28 years Cleveland has hosted no less than 11 conferences; many times when no one wanted the conference, Cleveland took it. UAPA has been to many UFO conventions and we still believe that we hold the best.

There are many rumors going around saying that the National UFO Conference is dead, and that there will be no more conventions. Maybe so. But the truth of the matter is, no one wants to spend the money to hold it. It costs upwards of 2,000 dollars to even consider holding a convention. Many so called big UFO organizations are simply do-nothing, little organizations in reality.

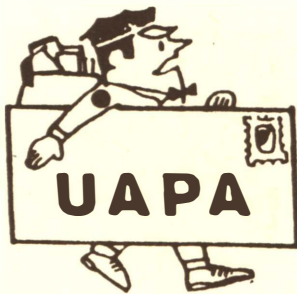
The UAPA, although not the largest UFO organization, has the leading publication in the field. Flying Saucer Digest will be publishing the largest UFO Catalog ever seen in ufology. UFO Catalog No. 3, will be available in March of 1992.

At last! Someone finally did it. Someone wrote a book about the start of the UFO enigma. Never before was the aspect of ufology brought forward. Allan J. Manak in cooperation with the United Aerial Phenomena Agency, has produced a thought-provoking, exciting look into the past. They Called Them Discs is the opening chapter of the UFO mystery. They Called Them Discs describes the individual UFO sightings in the exact way that they were reported. The book is a large, fully illustrated historic look into the past that UFO researchers will want by their sides. See our last page for ordering instructions and price.

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F. Marcie  
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**AJM-** Thank you Mr. Marcie, UAPA also thinks the same way.

I attended the last National UFO Conference UAPA held in 1988. It was the best convention I ever went to. Are you going to have dealer tables like the last time?

J.G. Harris  
New York, NY

**AJM-** Yes Miss Harris, we will have more dealers this time than we had in 1988.

Dear Sirs: Could you tell me if you are ever coming out with another catalog?

T. Harold  
Atlanta, GA

**AJM-** UAPA is panning on a March 1992 availability of a super catalog. Catalog No. 3 will be the largest illustrated UFO Catalog in ufology.

Could you please tell all the information you have on the Colorado UFO crash in June of this year.

G. Williams  
Denver, CO

**AJM-** I'm sorry Mr. Williams, but we at UAPA have never heard of this case. Maybe some of our readers have, and can supply us with details.

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The cover of our next issue is on the following page. It is due out right after the Christmas holiday, and looks to be an interesting issue indeed!

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## UFO BITS AND PIECES



### SAYS GIANT HOLE FOUND IN SPACE

The following was released by USA Today staffer Paul Hoversten this past July:

An object 100 billion times the mass of the sun may be the largest black hole ever found - or something totally new, astronomers say.

The strange object:

- Has the mass of all the stars in the Milky Way but in 1/10,000 the area.
- Is smashing into a galaxy 300 million light years from Earth: NGC 6240.

"Puzzling" is how Rice University astronomer Joss Bland-Hawthorn describes the object, found using an 88-inch telescope on Hawaii's extinct Mauna Kea volcano.

He and colleagues Andrew Wilson of the University of Maryland, and Brent Tully of the University of Hawaii, report the finding in today's Astrophysical Journal.

The prevailing theory, says Wilson, is the object is a "supermassive" black hole 10 to 100 times larger than most are

thought to be.

Black holes are believed to be collapsed stars so dense not even light can escape.

"The \$64,000 question," says Wilson: "Are more of these out there?"

### GRAY BARKER UFO COLLECTION OPENS

UAPA recently received the following news release, and believes that Gray's many past readers will be interested in the details:

The "Gray Barker UFO Collection" of flying saucer books, magazines, newsletters, newspaper clippings and correspondence will open Sept. 14 at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library in Clarksburg, WV, according to Ruth Yeager, collection librarian.

Those wishing to see the limited access collection, which also contains now rare UFO accounts from the 1940s and 50s, can register by calling Yeager at (304) 624-6512.

The items pertaining to unidentified flying objects (UFOs) represent the holdings of controversial West Virginia author, publisher and UFO buff Gray Barker. Barker died in 1984, leaving some 300 books, 75 groups of magazines and journals, and 30 filing drawers of correspondence on flying saucers and related paranormal topics.

Self-deprecating humor and a forbearance for the ridiculous is evident throughout the collection, the librarian notes. One cabinet displays an old bumper sticker that say "Flying Saucers Are Real - -



The Air Force Doesn't Exist."

Barker's interest in saucers began when he investigated the 1952 Flatwoods Monster UFO sighting in Braxton Co., WV, and wrote a report for FATE magazine. IN the 1970s he gained a wider audience with his full-book account of the collapse of the Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant, WV, and the "Mothman" sightings that preceded the disaster.

For 30 years, says Yeager, Barker edited six UFO newsletters, delivered countless lectures, published numerous works by other authors, and penned five books of his own, including They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers, The Book of Adamski, The Silver Bridge, Gray Barker's Book of Saucers and Men in Black: The Secret Terror Among Us.

Some of his newsletter titles were The Saucerian, Flying Saucer Magazine (sic) and Saucer News, which he took over from fellow UFO enthusiast Jim Moseley.

Barker's files contain letters from people well known on the UFO circuit, including John Keel, Major Donald Keyhoe, Jim Moseley, Carlos Allende, Ivan T. Sanderson, Morris Jessup and Milton Cooper. Several files are devoted to documents obtained piece by piece through the Freedom of Information Act.

Famous "contactees" like George Adamski and Howard Menger are represented, as are obscure religious cults, fringe-interest advocates and numerous UFO groups. Three of the better known organizations found in the files are the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) and NICAP, the National Investigating (sic) Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

There are Barker files on the Navy's alleged 1943 "Philadelphia Experiment" in ship invisibility using Einstein's unified theory; "MJ - 12 (allegations of government collusion with aliens and subsequent cover-ups); the "Roswell" or "Hanger 18" case in which small aliens were reportedly removed from a crashed UFO and permanently hidden from the public; government Blue Book projects; the Rendlesham Forest and Socorro sightings -- and sightings from many of the 50 states and other nations.

Ms. Yeager notes that the term "flying saucer" was coined by pilot Kenneth Arnold, who reported seeing flying disks near Mt. Rainier, Washington. In the 1940s, Scandinavians reported seeing another type of craft which they called "ghost rockets."

## **FOREMOST SIGHTING THIS ISSUE**

UAPA has chosen this Tennessee incident as its feature for this issue. It comes from the Morristown Citizen Tribune under the byline of Marlene Yurick:

Suddenly the eyes of the world are focused on Jefferson County. There has been a sighting of an unidentified flying object as well as the appearance of an unexplained "crop circle" in a local field.

These events have generated excitement, interest and curiosity worldwide. Reports of the incident have been broadcast nationally by NBC and have been picked up by radio and television stations around the world.

On May 17, about midnight, Barbara Mills said she let her dog out for his nightly rounds. The animal would not leave the porch and bolted back indoors. She heard a distinct whirring sound as if "a lasso was being twirled over my head," she explained.

When the noise subsided, Mrs. Mills then went to bed where she found her frightened dog being comforted by her husband, Richard. The next





morning, her husband let his calves into the field at the back of his home. Later, about lunchtime when checking on the animals, he discovered a circular patch of ground, measuring 28' across, where the waist-high grass had been matted down except for an area 5½ feet in diameter in the middle of the larger circle. The grass in the outer circle was matted down in a clockwise direction. There were no other signs of matted grass leading to or from this strange site.

The Mills then decided to report the Friday night incident to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department on Saturday night. On Sunday, the Mills' calves became sick, unable to stand or eat.

Larry Thurman, a part-time deputy for Jefferson County, heard of the Mills story and connected it to his encounter on March 15, when he noticed a bright object in the sky. He said the object moved erratically and hovered over the tree line about ¼-mile from his home.

"The unidentified object moved at a speed of about 3,000 miles-an-hour, I would estimate," says Thurman. "I can only say this judging from the 800 - 900 miles-an-hour speed of F-15 fighters which I have watched.

"I first thought it may be the lights of a jumbo jet approaching in my direction, but when I saw the object dip suddenly and shoot straight up again just as fast, I knew the movements were not those of a plane or helicopter or any craft on earth," the deputy said.

The object circled several times, disappeared into the western sky in a flash and reappeared just as quickly, then disappeared again in three or four seconds, he said. When the object hovered it seemed to emit a

radiant glow out about 100 feet, he said. "I felt no vibrations; there was no noise, and I felt no fear, just a great curiosity. I could see it spinning very rapidly when I closed in on it. It was round with two notches cut out of the top and bottom, with a dark strip around the center," Thurman remembered. He recorded the entire event on his video recorder.

Incidents such as these will conjure up visions of saucer-like objects skimming overhead with short green men with enlarged bald heads at the controls. But from a logical, scientific view, there are many people who have reported seeing UFOs and feel obliged to gather research data and report their findings.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Rinehardt are two such researchers and members of Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network, a worldwide association of hundreds of persons who have had personal experiences with unexplained phenomena or who are interested in studying these phenomena.

The Rinehardts said they saw enough of a correlation between the reports of the events in Jefferson County and other events reported by witnesses around the world to make the 10-hour drive from their home in St. Louis, Mo. Thursday. They came to gather samples from the "crop circle" site, to view Thurman's tape and listen carefully to the accounts of the incidents.

The Rinehardts say they are very cautious not to lead the witnesses in anyway by providing any information to influence their reports.

The data will be sent to various experts for analysis. "We look for anything unusual," explained Mrs. Rinehardt. "We look for unusual growth in the grass or flowers, the way the roots are in the dirt. We can't draw any conclusions at this point in our study, not even to the point where we would categorize this site as a crop circle, simply because there were no eyewitnesses to see a craft land to make the impression on the ground."

Mrs. Rinehardt said, "My personal opinion is that UFOs do exist." She says she draws upon her own personal experiences to formulate her strong conclusions on this point. Once again, she was reluctant to tell of her personal encounter.

The research on these personal events may take many months. The weather patterns and flight patterns must be researched to eliminate these and other possible "normal" causes, said Rinehardt.

In the meantime, the Thurmans and the Mills anxiously await the answers they seek.

# **AROUND AND ABOUT THE SAUCER WORLD**

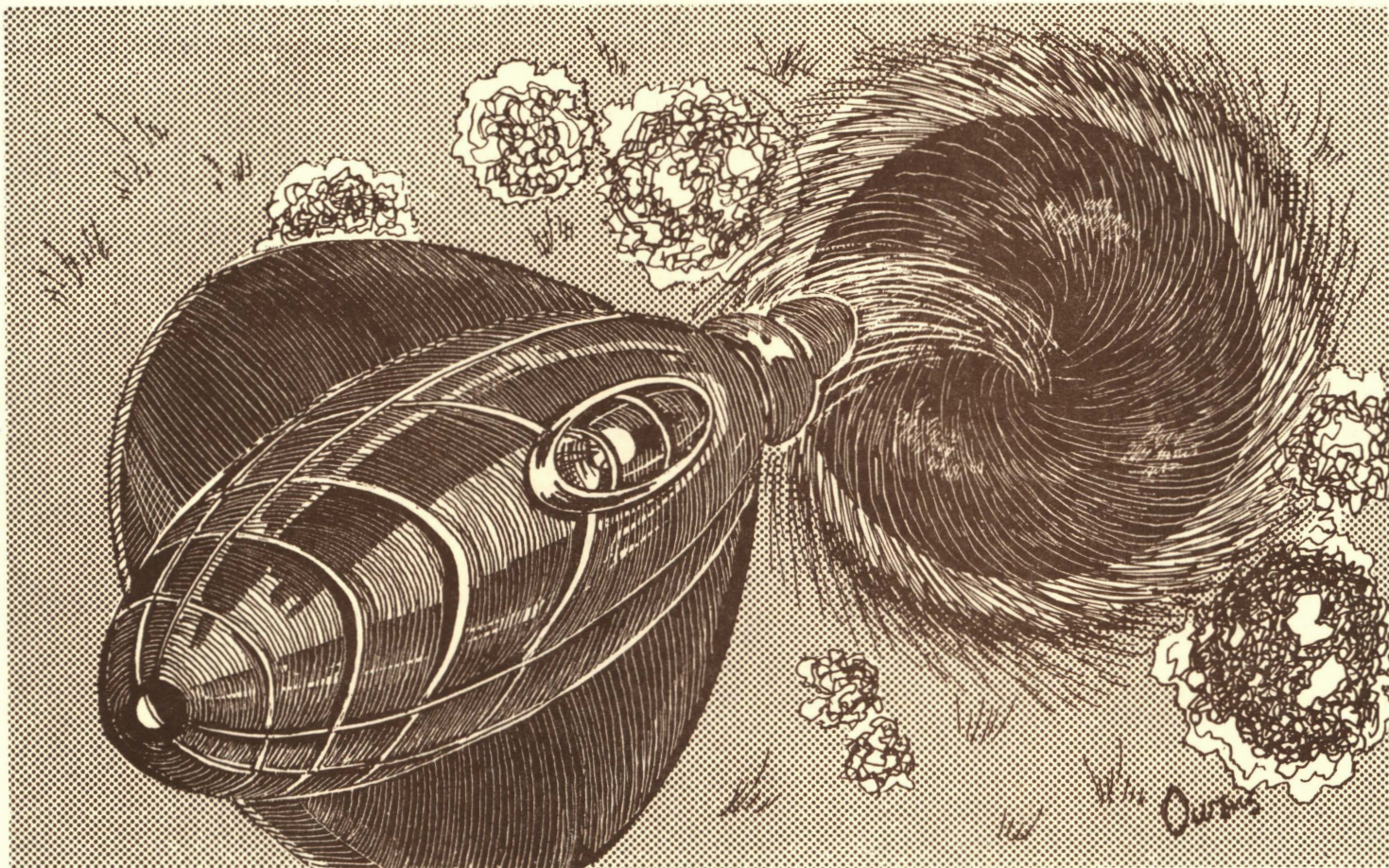
by Rick R. Hilberg

## **WEIRD LIGHTS IN OREGON**

Probably the scariest UFO sightings are those reported by witnesses traveling on a lonely stretch of highway at night. The sense of being all alone and coming in contact with the unknown is very powerful stuff. This report from the Burns Times Herald under the byline of Terry Keim is no exception:

A dark night can produce mysteries that are sometimes never solved, and a traveler passing through Burns Wednesday night, March 27, may have witnessed something he'll never know the answer to. Darol Ady, of Nampa,





Idaho, described a series of lights he saw between four and eight miles west of Hines on Highway 20 as he drove east.

"I saw two bright lights that looked like landing lights on a plane, coming towards us above the highway," Ady said. "I remember hoping there was a landing strip paralleling the road, or figured it would land right on our car."

Ady said the two lights suddenly went out, and then there was a shower of red lights that looked like burning embers.

"When we got to that point, we saw three heaps of ashes several feet apart. My wife said she saw chunks of burning equipment," said Ady. "Perhaps someone was testing some fireworks, but they didn't look like any I've seen before."

Ady came into town and called the sheriff's office from a phone at the Sentry Market. Officer Frank Hickey went with Ady back to the site to investigate. Ady stated the lights weren't the strobe lights that sit atop the power lines outside of town.

"We were back out at the site in about 15 to 20 minutes from when Mr. Ady saw the lights, but we didn't see any smoke or charring," said Hickey. "We were looking at milepost 120.5 west of the BLM Wild Horse Corrals." Hickey said that he also went back out to the area the next day to look for evidence of the shower of lights in the daylight, but found nothing.

"We couldn't find anything, but I may not have been at the right place. We couldn't stop the first time because there was a truck coming



up behind us," said Ady. "I would love to know what I saw, because it is a big mystery."

A resident of a ranch out by the Wild Horse Corrals reported seeing a huge red glow coming from the direction of the Experiment Station, southeast of the highway.

Another resident in the same area said, "At about 8 p.m. I saw the biggest lights I've ever seen in the east near Lawen. They were beautiful blue-green lights, bigger than any plane lights would be." She said they tried to look at the lights through a pair of binoculars, but they were too bright. After hovering in the same place for a while, the lights went down towards the horizon, and went out. Then, just seconds later, a huge bright red light appeared. "It was so huge it made my hair stand on end," she said. She added she will never forget how different the lights looked, or how big they were.

### **ANOTHER STRANGE LIGHT IN OREGON**

This second mystery light case comes from staffer Frann Grossman of the Brookings Curry Coastal Pilot:

The question remains: What got Cleo Hall out of bed at 4 in the morning so she was at the right place at the right time to observe the strange light?

Hall and her husband, Dan, live about 3½ miles up North Bank Chetco River Road east of Brookings.

"I'm an insomniac anyway," she says, "but something said to get up, so I got up, even though I'm thinking 'Shoot, what am I doing?'"

"I opened the curtain out of the den looking toward the mountains and there's this light that would just knock you out..."

Hall saw the unusual bright light shining through a cluster of trees yesterday (March 29).

It has occurred to her it was some sort of unidentified flying object.

"First I saw a tip, like a fingernail of the moon, but this was in the west, not where the moon was supposed to be at all.

"Here came this thing up there. It was real orangey. Brilliant? Oooh, just a brilliant light."

All of a sudden it just faded out, like it was going somewhere."

Hall is an artist, a past president of the Pelican Bay Arts Association in Brookings.

A retired nurse and office manager from Coos Bay, she has lived in Brookings for 14 years.

She says she sketched really quickly what she saw yesterday morning, just to prove she was really awake.

### **"MISSILE" OR UFO IN ENGLAND?**

The Civil Aviation Authority said it is investigating a report that a missile hurtled past an Alitalia airliner as it flew over southern England with 57 passengers. The pilot reported seeing a cylindrical object that he called a missile traveling toward him about 1,000 feet above the aircraft. The London Air Traffic Control Center picked up the object on radar after it had passed the jet. No other aircraft was in the vicinity. The plane was flying over a military firing range when the incident occurred on April 21. But the Ministry of Defense said the anti-tank missiles used there could not have achieved the 22,000-foot altitude reported.



## SOVIETS APPRECIATE UFO-INSPIRED MUSIC

This odd little item appeared in the Peoria, Illinois Journal-Star of May 6th under the byline of Sally McKee:

Music that a Peoria woman says was inspired by her cosmic encounters is being used in the Soviet Union to teach English to Ukrainian students.

Peorian Connie Cook Smith, 43, who claims several UFO and extraterrestrial experiences, says she has been inspired by her sightings to write and produce music.

That music is being taught to high school students in Kiev, part of the Ukraine, Soviet Union.

It all began a year ago when the Journal Star published an article about Smith's experiences and music which was followed by a Wall Street Journal article. That article was reprinted in the Soviet newspaper, "Molodaya Gvardia" or The Young Guard.

The Soviet reporter, Igor Shpak, then wrote to Smith requesting additional information about her and her music because of interest in the Soviet Union about her sightings and work.

"We understand how busy you are, how tired you are (of) being interviewed by reporters, but we still hope you'll devote a dozen minutes to the readers of our newspaper hungering to know more about (the) extraordinary woman living in Peoria," Shpak wrote to Smith.

Smith responded to his request and sent information, a photo of herself and a tape of her music.

Along with reporting, Shpak teaches English to high school students and used information Smith sent for his class.

"Your ideas are so human and fresh that your name is becoming more and more famous here," Shpak stated. "Don't forget that here in the Soviet Union, there are friends understanding and supporting you."

There are many UFO experiences occurring in the Soviet Union, Smith said.

"I wrote a love letter to the Russian people," Smith said. "Actually it was more of an outpouring of joy in positive communication with each other."

The lyrics of Smith's tape, "White Light," were taught to Shpak's students to help them with English lessons.

"Now you can imagine that we study English using a superb textbook whose author is Connie Cook and we are happy to be personally acquainted with this talented author!" Shpak wrote.

Smith said tears streamed down her eyes at the thought of her songs being sung everyday in Kiev.

She has since mailed additional information to the Soviet Union and shared deeper aspects of her experiences.

The Soviet teacher/journalist has suggested that Smith visit Kiev, perhaps through a student exchange program for her daughter. She is considering a trip there, but said she would like to learn some Russian first.

Smith said her first UFO sighting was in 1981. Through April and May of 1987 she reported numerous sightings and began writing many songs. She currently lectures and performs concerts of her music.

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Be sure to check out our UAPA book bargain on the back cover!



# WEIRD DOLOGY

## MYSTERY RING IN CANADA

The following is from the Halifax, Nova Scotia Chronicle of April 22nd under the byline of Tom McCoag:

A mysterious ring in Reg Painter's field has been attracting a lot of attention since its discovery late last week.

In an interview Saturday, Mr. Painter said large numbers of people have come to view the ring which is more than 30 feet in diameter, but none has been able to explain its existence.

Most visitors come just to look, but one man arrived with a compass and another with a dowsing rod, Mr. Painter said. The compass needle spun in circles on the outside of the ring, but functioned properly inside, while the dowsing rod did not react until it was in the middle of the circle.

"It then opened up. The man tried it and I tried it and it opened up on both occasions. That must mean there is a presence of some kind within the circle," Mr. Painter said.

"I don't know what (the ring) is. It wasn't here before the snow fell," he said while looking at the ring which made its appearance around Easter.

A native of England who retired to Fort Lawrence three years ago, Mr. Painter said he has seen the mysterious circles that have appeared in fields in that country and which have also been reported on the Prairies. "They're nothing like this. They're not as big for one thing," he said.

Mr. Painter said he does not believe in UFOs, thought by some to be the cause of the circles elsewhere. "I'm a proper doubting Thomas, but seeing this makes me wonder."

"One person who came and said it looked like we trained a horse here, but there are no marks from a horse," he said, adding he had no knowledge of anyone training a horse in his field.

It has been suggested the ring, the only one found in the area, was caused by improper use of a pesticide or a herbicide, but Mr. Painter discounts that idea, too. "Nothing has been put on these fields for at least three years."

Another man, after taking a close look at the circle, said it had to be "someone's practical joke." But the observer, who did not want to be identified, could not explain how such a joke could be achieved.

Others have suggested the ring might have been caused by a fungus, but Mr. Painter discounts that idea as well, because a fungus would spread from a central point to make a patch, not form a 12-inch-wide circular path.

Mr. Painter said he will probably never find out how the ring came into being. But he admits: "I'd like to know what caused it."

## "THUNDERBIRDS" IN PENNSYLVANIA

This very fascinating and informative piece is by John Rasmussen of the Lach Haven Express in his "This 'n' That" column of April 8th. It certainly appears that Mr. Rasmussen has done a large amount of research on his topic over the years:

About 20 years ago TnT (This 'n' That columnist) began writing up eyewitness reports of Thunderbird sightings in and around the Pine Creek and West Branch Valleys and the wilds of the Black Forest region and the surrounding rugged and forbidding terrain...The Thunderbird is a mythical



winged creature believed by American Indians to cause thunder and lightning... There was a military contingent back in World War II days named the Thunderbird Division, out of Oklahoma, we think where Indian tradition is strong ... The claims of eyewitnesses to huge birds flying across the skies of Lycoming, Clinton, Potter, Cameron and other counties of north central Pennsylvania were invariably countered by the doubting Thomases, yet after many generations of abiding faith in the reality in the phenomena, stories of thunderbird sightings are still read in newspaper columns and notably in a new book, "Natural Mysteries - Monster Lizards, English Dragons, and Other Puzzling Animals (Second Revised Edition)" ... It is a fascinating work published by Mark A. Hall Publications, 9215 Nicollet So., Bloomington, Minnesota, 55420 ... The book on lizards, dragons, thunderbirds and a whole lot more is worth the \$16.95 price tag on a softbound edition ... Mr. Hall has taken several steps further than others in his probe of "Natural Mysteries," and the paragraph after paragraph, page following page of documented findings proves the existence of weird life forms in the hinterland of many states, and teratology is by means the study of purely mythical creatures ... TnT has talked and corresponded with Mr. Hall on occasion in the past, and remembers the Bloomington researcher in the Jersey Shore area during the period when reports of Thunderbird sightings from people with unquestioned integrity - and eyesight! - were frequent happenings here in this newspaper office.

#### T-birds abound

Mark A Hall is a patient, thoroughgoing, seasoned and methodical investigator in his field ... His "Natural Mysteries" contains a chapter, "Pennsylvania Thunderbirds," which brings his research "home" to the central West Branch Valley and surroundings ... Hall prefaces his chapter out of Pennsylvania with the statement, "Gigantic birds of prey once were widespread inhabitants of North America" ... (No lack of certainty here!) ... Hall adds, "They have been identified by many names, but their image as 'Thunderbirds' among the North American Indians has become the best known" ... Mr. Hall tells of a time in the 19th Century when John James Audubon, naturalist and artist, traveled by coach from Philadelphia to Mauch Chunk, the one-time colorful name for what is now Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, to observe wildlife in a land then known as the Great Pine Swamp of Pennsylvania.

Hall makes it clear that talk of the Thunderbird has been common for more than a century ... "So large are these birds that they take deer and, some say, human beings as prey. Estimates give them wingspreads greater than 15 feet. A range of 20 to 30 feet is common."

#### Lyman, three others

The author states that from the heart of an area roughly described by Cameron, Potter, Clinton, Tioga and adjoining counties "have come most of the detailed accounts of modern Thunderbirds in the state" ... Hall lists four persons (three deceased) "who took an interest in the birds the past few decades" ... One of the four is TnT; two others were tireless workers in the cause, the late Clyde and Anna Mincer, of South Broad Street, Jersey Shore, and the fourth in the quartet, Robert R. Lyman, Sr., an historian and naturalist from Potter County, and author of such books as "Amazing Indeed - Strange Events in the Black Forest," "History of Roulet," "Forbidden Land" published in Coudersport ... He once penned a note to TnT in one of his books, "Never say impossible to



John D. Rasmussen. Thank you for your help" ... Hall tells us he was a guest of Robert R. Lyman, Sr., and his wife in 1973 ... Mr. Lyman died in 1974 when Thunderbird sightings hereabouts were at their peak ... Hall names Hiram M. Cranmer as another person with a lot to say about Thunderbirds ... Cranmer was a lifelong resident of the Kettle Creek area ... Among the many other accounts of Thunderbird sightings was that of Joseph and Wanda Kaye, who were driving Route 287, near the Oregon Hill ski area when they saw a fantastically large bird ... The Kayes were en route from Lock Haven to Seneca Falls ... An invaluable and convenient document is the chronological list of Thunderbird appearances in the Black Forest for which dates are known, and they range from 1892 to 1978 ... Truly significant sightings here have included:

In 1968-69 Little Pine Creek, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, "in each of these years a bird was seen. The second time it landed in the creek. Its wings across the creek appeared to extend for 75 feet" ... Clyde and Anna Mincer gave a description to the author Hall, "If I recall correctly, it was the 9th or 10th of Nov., 1970" ... They have a description in a letter to the researcher: "my wife and I saw the first huge bird which I said had a 22 foot wingspread, and I have not changed my mind since. My wife called to me as I was painting spouting, and said to me, 'Look at the funny airplane.'" ... August 7, 1971, Clair Koons, former president of Jersey Shore Borough Council, and Independent Hose Co., fire chief, and Wilson Frederick, also of Jersey Shore then, and son of ex-borough manager John Frederick, reported seeing a bird of some 12-15 foot wingspan up along Larrys Creek toward Salladasburg ... When TnT queried Koons, the eyewitness was even more positive about what he and Wilson had seen ... Koons is an experienced and knowledgeable outdoorsman ... Author Hall finds huge bird sightings have taken place in many locales, including Missouri, Illinois, New York State and up in the Abitibi region of Canada's Quebec Province.

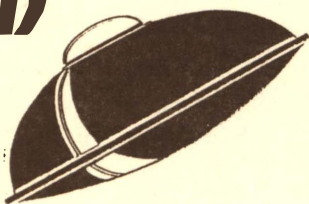
#### Lizards, dragons

Hall's studies in "Natural Mysteries" run to the Great Swamps, including the Great Kankakee Marsh in northwest Indiana and neighboring Illinois ... Another chapter deals with "Monster Lizards" ... Hall published a drawing of a "Canip Monster Lizard" ... The chapter on "English Dragons" tells of the part-griffin part-lion combination creature in dragon lore ... A segment, "Big With Eight Legs" is startling ... Mentioned therein is a period in June 1960 in Indiana when people were talking up "the Monster in Dan Craig's Well" ... It seems "this thing in his cistern was an eerie beast with a dome-shaped head, two bulbous eyes, and eight flailing tentacles as long as a man's arm" and Hall wrote of "encephalapods far from any ocean" ... To get the maximum impact from "Natural Mysteries," one ought to invest \$16.95 wisely in a copy of the book from Mark A. Hall Publications, 9215 Nicollet So., 104, Bloomington, MN, 55420 ... There is a world more to "wild" life than has been dreamed of by most of us and we will wager here with little prospect of contradiction that readers will find in "Natural Mysteries" revelations they'll read nowhere else.

#### PRINCESS DIANA'S FRIEND TELLS OF MYSTERY CIRCLE

This past June, Fiona Hamilton-Stidston, a long-time friend of the royal family, says she awoke to find a scorched circle, 75 feet wide, in her meadow at her South Devon home. She was convinced that the mysterious circle was caused by the landing of a UFO. However, a local UFO expert says he believes the circle was caused by hoaxsters walking on stilts. A family spokesman denies that anyone could enter the property without being detected.

## THEY CALLED THEM DISCS



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